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THE FOLLOWING IS FROM THE CIA/IMAGERY ANALYSIS STAFF:

1. ANALYSIS OF RECENT KH PHOTOGRAPHY REVEALS THAT IN ADDITION TO THE 'L'-SHAPED INTERFEROMETERS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS ABANDONED AT THE IMENI GASTELLO C AND UZHUR D GROUPS, THREE OTHER TYPE III-C COMPLEXES--DOMBAROVSKIY, KARTALY, AND ZHANGIZ TOBE--EXHIBIT THE SAME PHENOMENON. IN EACH CASE THE FENCE LINE AT THE CONTROL SITE FOR THE C (THIRD) GROUP HAS BEEN REPOSITIONED, AND THE LEGS OF THE INTERFEROMETER HAVE EITHER BEEN CUT ACROSS OR NEVER PUT IN. INITIAL DEPLOYMENT OF ALL FIVE GROUPS TOOK PLACE

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GROUP 1  
Excluded from automatic  
downgrading and  
declassification

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BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1965 AND FEBRUARY 1966. IT HAS ALSO BEEN OBSERVED THAT SEVERAL CONTROL SITES OF THE D (FOURTH) GROUPS EITHER HAVE FENCE LINES NOT NORMALLY CONFIGURED FOR AN 'L', OR THE SITE SUPPORT FACILITY HAS BEEN PLACED IN SUCH A FASHION AS TO INHIBIT THE PLACEMENT OF THE INTERFEROMETER LEGS, SUGGESTING THAT NONE OF THE LATEST GROUPS WILL UTILIZE AN INTERFEROMETER.

2. BASED UPON THE EVIDENCE AT DOMBAROVSKIY C-1, WHERE THE FENCE LINE WAS UNDISTURBED ON [REDACTED] AND ZHANGIZ TOBE C-1, WHERE THE FENCE LINE WAS UNDISTURBED ON [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] OUR BEST ESTIMATE IS THAT THE DECISION TO ABANDON THE 'L'-SHAPED INTERFEROMETERS WAS MADE SOMETIME IN MARCH OR APRIL 1967, AND THAT THE WORK TO ACTUALLY REPOSITION THE FENCE LINES BEGAN ABOUT THE FIRST OF MAY.

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